

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness where prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and,

Whereas, Thousands of people across the United States are living happy, healthy, and productive lives in recovery; and,

Whereas, It is critical to educate friends and family members, health care providers, businesses, and our policymakers, that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and,

Whereas, Substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for a mental health problem (*2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*), we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and,

Whereas, To help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Division of Community Behavioral Health invite all residents of South Dakota to participate in *National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month)*:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

RECOVERY MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State